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AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MEXICAN
 FERNS George Neville Jones. University of Illinois
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Students of American ferns have been given a firm foundation by this publication of Dr. Jones. The bibliography proper (authors and titles) occupies 237 pages with more than 1200 entries with approximately 3000 cross references. The feature that immediately commends itself is the brief paragraph after almost each item, indicating its relation with the ferns of Mexico (in this book the term "ferns" is used in a wide sense, comprising all the cryptogams belonging to the Tracheophyta), and obviously enhances the value of the bibliography.

Titles of periodicals are abbreviated following the principles and rules laid down in Appendix V, Guide to the Citation of Botanical Literature, in the 1956 edition of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, and some additional principles derived from L. Schwarten and H. W. Rickett, Abbreviations of Periodicals cited in the Index to American Botanical Literature (Bull. Torrey Club **74**: 348-356. 1947).

In addition to the selection of authors-titles of taxonomic and phytogeographic significance many articles on morphology, ecology, exploration, economic botany, bibliog-

raphy, biography, etc. have been included in the General Index. A Geographical Index has entries referring to each state of Mexico. A Biographical Index lists names and dates of 180 botanists associated with collections or papers about Mexican ferns. Finally, a Systematic Index cites the genera of ferns with pertinent references.

There can be no doubt that the author's statement "Botanists and others not particularly interested in the ferns of Mexico may find this bibliography useful" will be amply fulfilled. This publication will be a real aid to those botanists interested in the study of American ferns in general and Mexican ferns in particular.

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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT — FLORA NORTH AMERICA LAUNCHED — FLORA NORTH AMERICA, as the project will be called, was officially launched on 30 January 1967 when the newly formed Editorial Committee held its first meeting at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. This three-day meeting, convened by William L. Stern (Smithsonian), Chairman *pro tem.* of the Steering Committee, was attended by all members of the Editorial Committee:

Peter H. Raven, Chairman, Stanford University
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John T. Mickel, Iowa State University

Roy L. Taylor, Canada Department of Agriculture,
Ottawa

John H. Thomas, Stanford University

Also attending were Robert F. Thorne (Rancho Santa Ana